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A List of Rare New Peaches

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After the accidental production of the Carman, under my supervision, the thought occurred to me, now about twenty years ago, to cross pollinate some of our best varieties and thus multiply their number, so as to have a line of varieties ripening along through the season, as good as the best of that day. The fact was already patent 20 years ago, that the North China type was best adapted to our conditions and promised best paying results.

Mamie Ross.

(A pure seedling of the old Chinese cling) came into existence about the same time as the Elberta. Both were superior to most others ripening with them. This caused me to select these two as the parents for the new ones to be produced. This gives the new stock $\frac{3}{4}$ North China blood. But both these varieties maturing rather early in the season and wanting to get a series of ripening from early to late all through the season, a fine late peach.

Bells Oct. was selected for a further cross with Elberta so as to obtain varieties for maturity after time of Elberta. My efforts to cross Salvay with Elberta proved an entire failure. Not one of the seedlings resulting from this cross were worth retaining; while both the other crosses gave most satisfactory result, as the following description of these new comers will show. Nearly all the trees are now nine years old and have been bearing very satisfactory crops repeatedly, hence they have established a character of permanency. Every one in the list is yellow with considerable red.

Eva.

Of Mamie R. and El., (free) ripens several days in advance of

Elberta. Of equal size, but more round, nearly covered with red, of similar quality. Tree has the large bloom of Mamie Ross and is a sure bearer.

Tena.

Ripens with Elberta of same size, perhaps a little more color and better quality. Also freestone with large bloom, abundant bearer.

Joe.

Cling. This is the Jumbo among peaches. Side by side it is a third larger than Elberta. It is nearly even thickness from stem to tip, making it look peculiar. The outlines are smooth, no crease on side, there is but little fuss on a very tough skin, which is for the most part covered with a bright red. Flesh is a red 'sh yellow, quality above that of Elberta. Tree very prolific and needs thinning when Elberta will bear but moderate. Ripens about a week after Elberta.

Tough.

(Free.) Ripens with Joe; is but little under size of Elberta, more round. This is practically a nectarin, has no fuss at all and skin is as tough as a turnip, nearly covered with red, flesh quite juicy and of the highest quality. Tree a good bearer.

— **Millard.**

(Cling) of same season. This is above Elberta in size, but of round shape, a light lemon yellow with beautiful pink cheek, flesh firm and good quality. This peach was kept by the officials at Washington eight days, yet perfectly sound, after it reached there from Texas.

— **Anita.**

(Free,) comes 10 days after Elberta, seems to be a reproduction of same, of similar quality. Tree more prolific.

Frank.

Cling, comes about 4 days later. Large as Elberta, nearly covered with red, skin quite tough, flesh juicy and high quality. **This tree has borne 2 peaches 18 months from time of planting the seed and has not once failed to produce a crop since.** Have had to thin it heavy in years, when there would not be any other trees bearing to speak of.

Lizzie.

(Free) comes with Frank, is of a light lemon yellow with nice red, a fine shipper, good quality and size. Has very little fuss.

Kirk.

(Cling) similar to Lizzie, only cling. Tree very productive.

Barbara.

(Free,) ripens at same time with Salvay. Will average some larger. Is very smooth in outline, has a tough skin with but little fuss. The meat is packed tight around the pit, but will separate freely when cut open. Quality very good, better than Salvay. Owing to its smooth, tough skin, this peach is comparatively free from rot when such as Salvay will rot badly. Color bright yellow, with surface 1-3 red.

Katie.

(Free,) this comes in as Barbara goes out. Is shape of Elberta, with less fus, fully as large, has more red and is decidedly much better quality. A fine shipper, and tree a good bearer.

The above list will furnish daily in a regular crop season, some first class peaches for either home use or market for fully two months.

All the above new comers have been sent the past season to the Pomological Division of the Department of Agriculture at Washington and their descriptions together with some illustrations will be published by the Department in the near future.

I preferred to have them tested and described by those disin-

interested parties, instead of having fancy plates made of them along with high sounding exaggerated descriptions in order to attract attention.

It is a common thing nowadays for new varieties to be boomed and described out of all reason. Such can only be disgusting to any intelligent Nurseryman or planter.

When sending out the Carman years ago, like this present lot, it was given an honest description. Quite a number of planters after they saw the peach in bearing congratulated me, saying, that it is much better than they had expected to find it, judging from the way I had described it. Speaking from the standpoint of a practical peach

grower for about 40 years and knowing those new varieties as I do, I can say without hesitation that these new ones, will, as soon as once known, cause a revolution in peach growing. Many that are being grown today will be found worthless alongside of those bright new comers ripening at the same time with them.

Time, beyond a doubt will prove this to be so, though, old as I am, I may not live long enough to see it. To parties desiring to purchase the entire stock and control of these new varieties, or any single ones of them, I will quote very reasonable prices.

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